(c) the reasons for not accepting the suggestions; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Media Partners Asia report on CAS

†804. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the study report undertaken by the Hongkong based Media Partners Asia;

(b) if so, whether the said organisation has published study report after assessing the situation prevailing in that country after implementing the Conditional Access System there; and

(c) if so, the salient features thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) to (c) Media Partners Asia Limited in their Report dated 8th May, 2003 have *inter-alia,* stated that:-

- Successful CAS implementation could boost the entertainment economy long term.
- The Government would benefit from greater services and entertainment tax collected from the improved addressability and higher revenue from duties on the import of CAS technology.
- The Cable Television consumers would be protected from arbitrary price increase and benefit from higher quality of service and choice at affordable prices.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

- Broadcasters and Multi-System Operators would benefit from the reduction of revenue leakage associated with the current subscriber under declaration.

The report has focused on the impact and implementation of CAS in India and concludes with recommendations for a consumer-friendly, business-focused deployment of CAS.

Schemes for CBFC

805. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inspite of allocating funds during the year 2002-03 on account of schemes for the Central Board of Film Certification, Government could not sanction even a single scheme; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) NO, Sir. The Plan Scheme of Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) titled "Monitoring and Moderation of Certification Process" having in principle approval of Planning Commission, was sanctioned in the financial year 2002-03.

Policy for entertainment sector

806. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring an entertainment policy to facilitate the growth of entertainment sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government also propose to give renewed thrust by enhancing the programme content on Doordarshan and Akashvani; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting is concerned with